INITIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573

Assigned Recall No. <u>00V-256</u> by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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Part 573 Report Date: August 31, 2000

Manufacturer: Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc. (Technical Center)

Manufacturer Contact: Mr. Takashi Yoshie, General Manager, Government Affairs Dept.

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SUBJECT: 4,530 Toyota 2000 Echo model vehicles manufactured from August 17, 1999 through March 1, 2000, registered in the states of Alaska, Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New York, North Dakota, South Dakota, Vermont, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. Condensed moisture from the Positive Crankcase Ventilation (PCV) port could seep toward the brake vacuum port inside the intake manifold and start to freeze. Vacuum assist to the brakes would be decreased and increased pedal pressure would be required, increasing the vehicle stopping distance.

This is an initial acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be forthcoming shortly. After our review of your report and associated documents, we may have additional comments or concerns.

A draft copy of the notification documents must be submitted to this office by facsimile (202-366-7882) for review prior to mailing to owners.

As stated in Part 573.6, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. As stated in your report, owner notification is expected to begin during October 2000. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by January 30, 2001.

If you have any questions, please call:

Patricia Wallace, Recall Analyst on (202) 366-5232 or Jonathan White, Chief on (202) 366-5226 on or by FAX (202) 366-7882 Recall Analysis Division